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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE US V. JAMES G. RYAN 77CR 915 SOUTHERN

DISTRICT N.Y.

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1. JOHANNESBURG WAS ABLE TO CONTACT ALL THREE NAMES LISTED
IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT I.E. S.R. WHITING, A.S. RHODES,
AND STEVEN A. BOYAZOGLU.

2. THE RESPONSE WAS VERY SIMILAR IN EACH CASE. ALL THREE MEN
THOUGHT IT USELESS TO TAKE UP THEIR TIME IN COMING TO THE U.S.
SINCE THEIR COMPANIES LOST NO MONEY TO RYAN. ACCORDING
TO THEM HE HAD NO SUCCESS IN SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE HIS
APPROACH WAS TOO AMETURISH AND UNSOPHISTICATED.

3. INDIVIDUAL REACTIONS: (A) WHITING IS UNABLE TO ATTEND
BUT WOULD BE HAPPY TO GIVE DEPOSITION; (B) RHODES WOULD
ONLY ATTEND IF ASSURED BY US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT THERE
IS GENUINE NECESSITY. DESCRIBES RYAN AS A FOOL AND NOT
WORTH THE EFFORT; (C) BOYAZOGLU DOESN'T WANT TO ATTEND
BECAUSE OF DISRUPTION TO BUSINESS, BUT WILL ONLY IF
ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR CONVICTION. HE WOULD ALSO
PREFER TO GIVE A DEPOSITION.

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